willing to consider a financial restructuring package without infusion of additional funds alongwith and as part of disinvestments to a strategic partner. Based on the directions of BIFR, the Operating Agency issued an advertisement for exploring possibility for change of management in HAL.

(b) As per balance sheet of the company for the year 2000-01, the net block of the company is Rs. 81.71 crores.

(c) Proposals received by the Operating Agency of BIFR, in response to the advertisement, are under the consideration of BIFR. As such it is premature to provide details of the proposals received.

HIV test before marriage

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether keeping in view the increasing number of AIDS cases in the country, Government are planning to bring forward a legislation making it mandatory for would be bridegrooms and brides to undergo HIV testing, as is being done in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether any ground work has been done in this regard; and

(c) by when the proposal is likely to be finalized?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Andhra Pradesh State AIDS Control Society has conveyed that there is no proposal for making HIV testing mandatory before marriage. They have further said that such requests have been received by them, and the matter is open for debate and consensus.

(c) Does not arise.